

Indian Oil Chairman Meets CM

MoU for 61 thousand Crore Naphtha Project, Ground Breaking of 4352 Crore Yarn Project in January During Utkarsh Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Shri A.S. Sahney today met Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi at Lokseva Bhawan today to discuss progress of various ongoing and upcoming projects of IOCL in Odisha.

During the discussion it was decided that the IOCL and Odisha Government will sign a memorandum of understanding for the Naphtha Cracker Project at Paradeep in January. Naphtha Project in Paradeep has received in principle approval and IOCL will invest over Rs 61 thousand crore for the project. It is likely to be one of the largest



projects in the sector in the Country. The State Government is an equity holder of this project, and will earn dividends in addition to taxes. It was also decided that, the foundation for the upcoming Yarn project of

IOCL at Bhadrak will also be laid in January. Rs 4352 crore will be invested for this project. It was informed that once the project is completed, various large scale garments manufacturing units will

come up in the area. Both the projects will create huge employment opportunities for the youth. Besides it was informed in the meeting that the ongoing Px-PTA (Paraxylene Purified

Terephthalic Acid) project will be commissioned by June 2025. Besides several other ongoing and upcoming projects of IOCL were also discussed. These include a floating solar project and ethanol project in the state. Industries Minister Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, Chief Secretary Shri Manoj Ahuja, Additional Chief Secretary to CM Shri Nikunja Bihari Dhal, Industries Principal Secretary Shri Hemant Sharma participated in the discussion. IOCL Executive Director Shri Abhijit Chakraborty and CGM Shri Dhananjaya Sahoo accompanied Chairman IOCL.

5 Soldiers Killed As Army Vehicle Plunges Into 300-Foot Gorge In J&K

New Delhi(KCN): Five soldiers were killed and several others injured when an Army truck carrying them skidded off the road and plunged into a 300-foot gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch on Tuesday, said officials.

The accident, said officials, occurred in the Gharoa area when an Army vehicle was on its way to Banoi in the district. Majhi alleged that earlier Congress governments prioritised quotas for Muslims while ignoring the interests of STs and SCs.

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Rescue operations are underway, said the Army, adding that the injured personnel are receiving medical care. Quick action teams of the Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police are at the site.

Hari Babu Kambhampati appointed as Odisha Governor

New Delhi, Dec 24(KCN): Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati has been appointed as Odisha Governor.

He was a member of Parliament to the 16th Lok Sabha from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

According to a communique from the President's secretariat, President Droupadi Murmu has accepted the resignation of Raghubar Das as the Governor of Odisha.

The President of India has



made the following appointments of Governors:-

- (i) Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati, Governor of Mizoram appointed as Governor of Odisha.
- (ii) General (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM

(Retd.) appointed as Governor of Mizoram.

(iii) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Bihar appointed as Governor of Kerala.

(iv) Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Kerala appointed as Governor of Bihar.

(v) Ajay Kumar Bhalla appointed as Governor of Manipur.

The above appointments will take effect from the dates they will assume charge of their respective offices, said the President's office.

Congress, Nehru 'insulted' Ambedkar; party should tender apology: Odisha CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Tuesday accused former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of "insulting" BR Ambedkar and asked the Congress to tender an unconditional apology to the people of India.



In a hastily convened press briefing in Bhubaneswar, Majhi said, "The Congress and its leaders have insulted Ambedkar and even campaigned against him in the 1952 and 1954 elections. People of India know who insulted Ambedkar and those who respect."

Majhi alleged that earlier Congress governments prioritised quotas for Muslims while ignoring the interests of STs and SCs.

"Ambedkar strongly opposed this, leading to differences with Nehru, which eventually resulted in his resignation," Majhi claimed.

"Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee established a memorial for Ambedkar at his birthplace in Madhya Pradesh. Similarly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened an Ambedkar Centre in Delhi," Majhi

said, highlighting the BJP's consistent respect for great personalities of the country.

Majhi also alleged that in 1970, the Congress government conferred a Padma Award to Narayan Sadoba Kajrolkar, who had defeated Ambedkar in elections.

"This is a strange situation where Congress criticises and accuses others of insulting Ambedkar while Nehru himself disrespected him," Majhi said, accusing the grand old party of hatching a political conspiracy and misrepresenting Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"A major row erupted last week over the alleged remarks of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "I ask Congress to stop engaging in such politics," Majhi added.

Prep For Dhanu Jatra



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister, Pravati Parida has urged for upholding the grandeur and authenticity of the Dhanu Jatra festival while ensuring its smooth execution.

She stressed the importance of showcasing Odisha's cultural richness to a global audience, positioning Dhanu Jatra as a landmark cultural event.

A preparatory meeting was convened today at the Department of Tourism under the chairpersonship of

Shrimati Parida to review arrangements for the renowned Dhanu Jatra Festival, scheduled to take place from 3-13 January 2025 in Bargarh.

The meeting was attended by Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Secretary Tourism Balwant Singh, Director Tourism Samarth Varma, Director Culture Bijay Ketan Upadhyaya.

District Magistrate Bargarh Aditya Goyal, District Magistrate Sambalpur, Siddheshwar Baliram Bondar,

Superintendent of Police Bargarh Prahlad Sahai Meena, and Director of the National School of Drama Chittaranjan Tripathy, along with other senior officials also attended the meet.

Recognized as the world's largest open-air theatre festival, Dhanu Jatra is based on the tale of Lord Krishna and his demon uncle Kansa.

During the festival, the town of Bargarh transforms into the kingdom of Mathura, with the river Jira symbolizing the Yamuna. This unique cultural celebration showcases

Odisha's storytelling traditions and attracts visitors from across the globe.

The meeting emphasized the need to elevate Dhanu Jatra's appeal to an international level. Discussions included enhancing digital outreach through live streaming and LED displays at key locations, creating dynamic and immersive cultural performances, and ensuring visitor comfort through seamless logistical arrangements. Discussions were also on integrating nearby attractions such as Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Hirakud Dam, and local craft clusters into the festival experience.

The involvement of eminent institutions like the National School of Drama and Lalit Kala Academy was also discussed to add cultural depth and vibrancy to the event.

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on the alleged physical assault on two BJP MPs in Parliament, claiming that the saffron party parliamentarians, including Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi, "staged a drama."

He noted that when Congress demanded the release of CCTV footage, the Lok Sabha Speaker rejected the request, suggesting the BJP was trying to cover up the incident.

Meanwhile, the Bhubaneswar unit of the CPI(M) also protested the issue and burnt an effigy of Shah.

CPI(M) state secretary Suresh Panigrahy condemned the Home Minister's remarks as "highly unfortunate, anti-tribal and anti-dalit."

Congress files plea in SC against amendments to election rules



New Delhi(KCN): Congress Tuesday filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court challenging the recent amendments to the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and expressed hope that the apex court will help restore the "fast eroding" integrity of the electoral process.

The government has tweaked an election rule to prevent public inspection of certain electronic documents

such as CCTV camera and webcasting footage as well as video recordings of candidates to prevent their misuse. AICC general secretary Jairam Ramesh, who filed the petition, said, "The integrity of the electoral process is fast eroding. Hopefully the Supreme Court will help restore it."

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Rules, 1961," he said in a post on X. Ramesh said the Election Commission, a Constitutional body charged with the conduct of free and fair elections cannot be allowed to unilaterally, and without public consultation, amend such a vital law in such a brazen manner.

"This is especially true when that amendment does away with public access to essential information that makes the electoral process more transparent and accountable," he said.

Based on the recommendation of the Election Commission of India, the Union Law Ministry Friday amended Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to restrict the type of "papers" or documents open to public inspection.



Murmu through the ADM, Bhubaneswar, demanding Shah's apology and resignation. Former state Congress president Niranjan Patnaik said, "BJP leader and Home Minister Amit Shah has insulted Ambedkar and the Constitution, which is

unfortunate and shameful. We are deeply hurt by his words." He further added that Shah should apologise to the people of the country and step down from his position.

Senior Congress leader Mohammed Moquim added, "Shah's remark has hurt every citizen, including dalits, minorities, and backward communities. The entire country demands the home minister's resignation."

He also called for Shah to admit his mistake and apologise publicly. Moquim also commented

Annual function of Chandra Shashakhar Behera Zilla School, first Anglo-Vernacular School of Sambalpur

Sambalpur (KCN): The annual day function of Chandra Shashakhar Behera Zilla School was held last Saturday. The Principal of the school, Mrs. Lokita Das, has presided over the function. Dr. Arun Kumar Pujari, Former Vice Chancellor of Sambalpur University, the Dhankauda Block Educational Officer, Honorable Mrs. Shebabhree Bhoi and Uco Chief Bank Manager Sanjukta Patel (Chief Guest), Mr. Surajit Mishra, President of the Old Students Association, Mr. Tushar Kant Mohanty organizing President of the School Management Committee join the event. On the 30th day of April 1850 the Anglo-Vernacular School was set up at Sambalpur, opened by "John Cadenhead", first Principal Assistant, named as "Sambalpur Public School" at old Raj



Darbar of Sambalpur palace with seven students. Two of them were girls students, both were the daughters of Trilochan Suar/Supkar alias Brahma. Subsequently in 1885 permission were granted to have an entrance at Sambalpur. In 1850 when no one of Sambalpur can think above giving education to their Sons, Trilochan Suar/Supkar alias Brahma not only think but also dare to admitted his two daughters in the "Sambalpur Public School" which is presently renamed as Chandra Shekhar Behera Zilla School. After lighting the lamp in front of Maa

Samleswari Photo. The guests were greeted by the Principal, Mrs. Lokita Das, who read out the annual report. The guest of honor, Mrs. Shebabhree Bhoi, spoke about the education of the district schools of Odisha and the entire country and its glorious history. The Chief Guest, Dr. Arun Pujari, spoke about the role of the Zilla schools in the struggle for independence and the history of the Zilla schools. Then, the students who performed in various categories were awarded prize by the Guests. An interesting cultural program was presented by the students of the school. The assembly program was conducted by the assistant teacher of the school, Shri Pramod Kumar Behera. The senior most teacher of the school, Shri Pratap Kashari Tripathy thanks everyone for the success of the event.

AIFTP National Tax Conference held at Tirupati



Kolkata (KCN): All India Federation of Tax Practitioners (South Zone) organised a very successful one day National Tax Conference at Tirupati on 22nd December 2024. Chief Guest Justice Dr. K. Manmadha Rao, Judge High Court of Andhra Pradesh, highly appreciated the role of AIFTP in sharing knowledge on taxation through its Seminars and conferences all over India. National President Advocate Narayan Jain said that Focus of AIFTP is three basic principles, Education, Ethics AND Excellence. He invited all to join as members of the Federation. He congratulated South Zone for having been adjusted as Best Zone

and its Chairman Dr. Ramaraju Srinivasa Rao as the Best Zone Chairman for 2024. He also announced that Advocate MVJK Kumar has been appointed National Vice President for 2025 by Advocate Samir Jani, National President 2025. Advocate RD Kakra Secretary General said that Tirupati NTC was the best for technical sessions as well as for fellowship. Dignitaries present on the occasion included Dr. MVK Moorthy (Past President); Mr. Malladi Srinivasa Rao (Past President), S. Nanjunda Prasad (National Vice President); Advocate G. Baskar (National Joint Secretary), Dr. Ramaraju Srinivasa Rao (Chairman South Zone), Advocate Kota Suneel Kumar, Conference Chairman, Advocate MA Sunil Ahmed, Conf. Coordinator. CA Dr. E. Phalguna Kumar spoke on Taxation of Real Estate Transactions in session chaired by Advocate RD Kakra. Adv. MVJK Kumar spoke on Assessment under GST Act in session chaired by Advocate BS Seethapathi Rao. Past National Presidents Dr. MVK Moorthy spoke on growth of GST. The Conference was organized by AIFTP Southern Zone in association with APTPCA, Guntur; APTBA, Vijayawada; TDTPCA, Tirupati; TPCA, Tirupati; and

TTPA, Hyderabad. The Office Bearers of Southern Zone and their Team were presented mementoes in appreciation of their contribution. National President Advocate Jain administered oath of office Advocate Jaffer Ali Sulaiman (Zone Chairman 2025), DM Bhattad (Vice Chairman), V.N. Anil (Secretary), V. Govinda Rao (Joint Secretary), Ramana Murthy (Joint Secretary), N. Senthil Kumar (Treasurer). The organisers also arranged Darshan by delegates of Lord Balaji at Tirumala on 23rd December 2024. Tax Practitioner BS Seethapathi Rao was honoured for his excellent contribution to AIFTP. Advocate M Ganeshan was also felicitated. About 300 delegates actively participated in this Conference. A Souvenir was also released by the Chief Guest and dignitaries present. Tax Practitioner S. Chakra Ramana (Zone Secretary), TP Muneer Ahmed, Advocate Vilash Khadse, Chandra Sekhar, TP Devika Madhu, Umaphati and Keshav took full care of guests.

Three-year-old kid dies in accident in Odisha's Sundargarh

Rourkela (KCN): A three-year-old boy was killed after being hit by a speeding truck in Odisha's Sundargarh district Tuesday, police said.

The accident took place on NH-143, which runs through Biramitrapur town in the district. Police said the kid and his family were riding a scooter when a speeding bike coming from the opposite direction collided with them. The collision threw the toddler into the path of an oncoming truck. The driver fled the



scene, police added. Following the accident, locals staged a road blockade for nearly two hours, demanding the arrest of the truck driver.

Police arrived at the scene and assured the protestors that efforts would be made to arrest the driver, sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) of Biramitrapur, Sushant Das said. "After getting assurance from my team, the agitation was withdrawn," Das said.

Celebrating the legacy of the country's unparalleled leader, Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

Good Governance Day on 25 December 2024 holds special significance as it is the 100th birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. To celebrate this milestone, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances has announced a week-long campaign titled 'Going to Village' from 19 to 24 December 2024. The initiative aims to bring governance to the grassroots level to ensure that administrative services reach the rural population. Good Governance Day is a reminder of the importance of governance that is transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of the people. Good governance is a process of managing public resources and institutions honestly and fairly, without corruption or abuse of power. It ensures that laws are followed, human rights are protected, and the needs of society are met. It aims to raise awareness among people about the responsibility of the government to effectively serve citizens and encourage public participation in the governance process.



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After Mukesh Khanna, Kumar Vishwas takes a dig at Sonakshi; Congress reacts



Poet Kumar Vishwas has made an indirect sly comment about veteran Hindi film actor Shatrughan Sinha and his daughter Sonakshi Sinha and said that "the 'Lakshmi' of your house is taken by someone else."

Vishwas was speaking at a poetry event in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, where he made the comments.

He said: "Teach your children about the Ramayana, otherwise, it might happen that your house is named 'Ramayana', but the 'Lakshmi' of your house is taken by someone else."

A clip has now gone viral, where he is seen making the comment, which seems to be satire on Shatrughan as his Mumbai residence is named 'Ramayana'. His daughter Sonakshi recently married her boyfriend of seven years Zaheer Iqbal. "The foundation of marriage

and companionship is equality, mutual trust, and love. No one 'takes' anyone away. And in 2024, you are questioning someone's upbringing just because they marry someone of their own choice?!"

She questioned Vishwas if a woman doesn't have the right to marry whoever she wants.

She added: Neither

Shatrughan Sinha ji nor his successful daughter Sonakshi need your certification, but your comment on a girl 17 years younger than you exposes your narrow thinking. Neither Lord Ram nor the Ramayana belong to anyone's inheritance, nor does any associated name."

"You, who give sermons about other

people's children reading the Ramayana and Gita, forgot that in the Ramayana, there is mutual love. Had you truly studied it, you would understand love. You are eager to be a storyteller of Ram Katha, but you have none of Lord Ram's grace and decorum."

She urged him to apologize, "realizing your mistake, to both a father and his daughter."

Supriya Shrinati also shared a video message of the same and said: "Your recent distasteful comment on Sonakshi Sinha's interfaith marriage was not just a cheap jibe but it also revealed your deeply ingrained misogynistic mindset..."

Recently, actor Mukesh Khanna, who played "Shaktimaan", had taken a dig at Sonakshi. However, he was later schooled by the actress.

Prakash Jha shares update on sequel of Raajneeti, Gangaajal: Work in progress

Prakash Jha returns to acting with Amar Aaj Marega, which premiered at IFFI, Goa. In an exclusive chat he discussed his journey and shared updates on the sequels to his popular films Raajneeti and Gangaajal.

The filmmaker shared that Raajneeti 2 and Gangaajal sequel scripts are in progress

He has no plans to re-release his older films in theatres

Filmmaker Prakash Jha is all set to tap into his acting skills once again with Amar Aaj Marega. The Rajat Kariya-directed film was recently premiered at the International Film Festival of India, Goa. On the sidelines of the event, Jha spoke exclusively to



director's job. I have definitely started enjoying acting and am on the lookout for something that can challenge me and is pivotal to the film. I am reading a few scripts and hope to announce something soon," he shared. With the recent trend of films being re-released in cinemas, we asked the filmmaker if he had any

projects in mind to bring back to theatres.

"Actually, no. All my films have been watched multiple times by my audience. I meet people who say they have watched Gangaajal 40-50 times, so I don't really think there's any need to release it in theatres again," he mentioned.

When asked about the update on the sequel of

his films, Prakash Jha said, "We are working on Raajneeti 2, the script is being written. We are also working on the Gangaajal sequel, work is in progress on its script too. The police-society dynamics always have issues, and that makes for a good film. While we do make films for entertainment, it sometimes does leave an impact on the people, and that's quite a great thing." He also admitted that they are also thinking of making a film on Sunanda Pushkar, which according to him is an 'interesting subject'. Jha also shared that a capsule of new episodes of Ashram will also drop soon.

Talking more about the

show, the filmmaker said that while they always believed in the show, they never expected the web series to gain so much popularity. While Ashram 3 gained love, it also garnered protests from different sections of religious groups. Addressing the same, Jha said, "Honestly, it's a constant process. When we say something at home, it sometimes evokes different reactions, and sometimes it's also taken out of context. Similarly, a content piece may not be taken the same way by everyone, and there would be dissent but one needs to keep working on it."

Ashram stars Bobby Deol in the lead role.

No Hera Pheri: Suniel Shetty, Paresh Rawal, Akshay Kumar reunite for Kudo event

Actors Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal and Suniel Shetty recently attended a Kudo Tournament. Sharing posts from the event, the actors clarified that their reunion was not related to the next Hera Pheri installment.

After they shared pictures from the event, rumours were dispelled about Hera Pheri 3

Actors Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal and Suniel Shetty recently attended the 16th Akshay Kumar International Kudo Tournament 2024 held in Surat, Gujarat. Sharing pictures from the event, Akshay and Suniel dispelled rumours that their reunion has any connection with the third installment of their popular franchise, Hera Pheri.

Sharing a video from the tournament on November 12, Akshay Kumar wrote, "At the 16th Akshay Kumar International Kudo Tournament 2024, two Guinness World Records were shattered, making it a truly memorable day—no 'Hera Pheri' involved! (sic)"



Prabhas and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Spirit is expected to go on floors later this year. Producer Bhushan Kumar shared an update about Spirit's release and Ranbir Kapoor's Animal Park. Prabhas and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's Spirit will begin in December 2024. Producer Bhushan Kumar, in a recent interview with Connect Media, shared updates on the release of Spirit and Ranbir Kapoor's much-awaited sequel, Animal Park. Spirit marks Prabhas's 25th film in his career and fans are eagerly waiting to see his collaboration with director Sandeep Reddy Vanga of Arjun Reddy and Animal fame.

In an interview, producer Bhushan Kumar said, "Spirit is a

dream combination of Prabhas and Sandeep Reddy Vanga. This combination will explode like anything. Prabhas is super excited about Sandeep." When asked about Animal Park, the producer explained, "We will finish Spirit and release it in mid 2026. After Spirit, [Sandeep will spend] six months on writing. He has the idea in mind, and we will start filming in early 2027. That's for sure and even the actor [Ranbir Kapoor] is locked."

Coming to Spirit, the film is expected to be launched in a grand manner in December 2024. Sandeep Reddy Vanga has been involved in music sessions with Harshavardhan Rameshwar. As reported earlier,

Prabhas will play the role of a cop in Spirit. Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga had mentioned previously that the film will be made on a massive budget of Rs 300 crore. He confidently added that it will rake in Rs 150 crore on its opening day.

The pre-production work for Spirit is underway. Soon, the makers will announce the cast and crew of Spirit.

How Anglo-Indians Celebrate Christmas and Maintain Identity

Vivek Shukla



Despite their Indian heritage, the Anglo-Indian community proudly asserts its unique identity, a vibrant tapestry woven from both Indian and European threads. Numbering around two lakh across India, with approximately two thousand residing in Delhi, this community stands out for their consistent use of English, often the language spoken within their own homes. Christmas holds a special significance for Anglo-Indians, and the annual Christmas dance is a highly anticipated event. Every year on December 26th, members of the community gather at the Frank Anthony School in Delhi for a lively dance that stretches from the evening into the early hours of the morning. As writer and Anglo-Indian community figure, late Keith Flory used to say, "It's always fun to be a

part of it. With Delhi is so vast, these events provide a rare opportunity to reconnect with friends and family."

The Anglo-Indian community also boasts a remarkable legacy of accomplished individuals, including Oscar Stanley Dawson (ex-Chief of the Indian Navy), Roger Binny (former Indian cricketer), Leslie Claudius (hockey legend), actress Diana Hayden, Wilson Jones (billiards world champion), Denzil Keelor and Trevor Keelor (IAF heroes of the 1971 war), and quizmaster and MP Derek O'Brien, among many others.

The Anglo-Indian community's journey has been one of constant adaptation and evolution. Teacher and community member, Sydney Reberio, observes, "While we are becoming more and more Indian, the urban Indian middle class is turning western. Now, we don't mind dancing to Hindi film songs, a shift from perhaps 15 years ago." This demonstrates a dynamic interplay between cultural influences.

Understanding Anglo-Indian Heritage

The Anglo-Indian identity

is rooted in a history of mixed lineage, dating back 300 years to the colonial era. In the 18th century, the British East India Company encouraged its employees to marry local women, even offering financial incentives for each child born from these unions. However, by the late 19th century, with the arrival of more British women following the construction of the Suez Canal, such mixed marriages became less common.

Following India's independence, many Anglo-Indians faced the difficult choice of whether to stay or leave. Many left in the 1950s and 1960s, mainly for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the UK," recounts Brother Solomon of Delhi Brother Society (DBS). Despite this emigration, the Anglo-Indian presence in India remains, particularly in cities like Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai, and Mumbai. It was DBS that established the St. Stephen's College in Delhi. It has recently opened St. Stephen's Cambridge School in Delhi-Haryana border. While often associated with other Indian cities,



the Anglo-Indian community in national capital has a long and rich history, even preceding the city's establishment as the capital. As employment opportunities increased, many Anglo-Indian families migrated to Delhi, initially settling in areas such as Mori Gate, Kashmere Gate, and the railway colony of Kodia Pull, where many found work in the railways. Notably, M. Gatlin, a member of the 1928 and 1932 Indian hockey squads, hailed from Mori Gate.

The community's influence expanded alongside Delhi's growth as a capital. Many Anglo-Indians secured jobs in government departments like the Post and Telegraph, Railways, and Customs. They then established themselves in newer

areas like Chelmsford Road, Atul Grove Road, Janpath Lane, and Connaught Place.

Who was their mentor? Frank Anthony was the mentor of the Anglo-Indian community. He was from Jabalpur though settled here in Delhi. He was also a member of the Constituent Assembly. "Frank Anthony established the Frank Anthony School in South Delhi. Its junior school ran from the same place where the Gidney Club is located, until 1975. He was elected president of the All India Anglo-Indian Association in 1942. He opposed the partition of India on the grounds that it would endanger the interests of minority communities. When the future of India was being decided by British, Hindu, and Muslim leaders, he presented the

case of the Anglo-Indian community before Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Jawaharlal Nehru.

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Key Landmarks and Achievements

Today, landmarks like the Gidney Club in Connaught Place and the Frank Anthony School in Lajpat Nagar stand as key pillars of the Anglo-Indian community in Delhi. The school, founded in 1959 by esteemed community leader and long-time Lok

Sabha member, Frank Anthony, serves as a center for education and community gatherings.

"Anglo-Indians are known for their openness. They readily

embrace intermarriage and take pride in their dual

heritage. Social grace, refined manners, and a

love for music and club

life are often considered defining aspects of their culture," says Brother Solomon George, who also works as a priest in Church.

Community Life and Legacy

The Gidney Club, established in the 1930s, remains a vital social hub, hosting birthday

parties, meetings, and

casual card games for its members. Professor

Sydney Rebeiro, an

English professor at

Delhi University, notes

that Anglo-Indian

women were pioneers

in the workforce, frequently employed as

secretaries, teachers,

nurses, stenographers,

and telephone

operators. He emphasizes the preference for Anglo-Indian women in such roles, largely due to their proficiency in English. Professor Rebeiro's own mother, Mary Isaacs Rebeiro,

was a trailblazer, becoming Independent India's first woman postmistress, initially at Mori Gate and later at the GPO in Kashmere Gate.

The community's deep connection to Delhi is also evident in their emotional attachment to St. James' Church at Kashmere Gate, also known as Skinner's Church. This historic church, built in 1836 by Colonel James Skinner, an Anglo-Indian himself, stands as a testament to their enduring legacy within the city. Skinner's father was a Scot, Lieutenant-Colonel Hercules Skinner, while his mother was a Rajput. This makes it perhaps the first church built by an Anglo Indian.

This rewritten version aims to present the information in a more engaging way, emphasizing the cultural nuances and historical significance of the Anglo-Indian community. It also incorporates smoother transitions and richer vocabulary.

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The Best Gifts on Christmas Day

Bijaya Kumar Parhi



the heart of the people is self-effacing love, genuine kindness, truth, charity and sacrifice. Jesus said "My kingdom is not of this world. I came to bear witness to the truth. Whoever is in the side of the truth, hears my voice" (The Bible). This sums up the divine manifesto of God- 'The Almighty loves those who love his fellow men'. The best way to please Him is comforting the afflicted. In fact, God created a being, physical in form, yet with a spirit of his own image and likeness. He would be called man and be god's own spiritual family. Jesus, the son of God added a different dimension to life and living by incorporating divine love and kindness in what we do, say and think. The advent of Jesus on the earth was to preach and magnify the divine mercy in the kingdom of God, spread the magnanimity of human spirit, fraternity and humanity which sustain life.

Jesus, the savior of the creation was born to Mother Mary, a virgin in Bethlehem. The wisemen from Persia brought gifts to baby Jesus. The brought Him gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts have a lot of significance and connotations. Gold represents Royalty. The second gift



frankincense, a resin like substance symbolizes holiness and righteousness and the third gift myrrh, a sap like substance is the symbol of affliction, bitterness in life and the final outcome of it-death. Christmas is the period of gaiety, piety, mirth and cheerfulness and the time when gifts are exchanged among people of all age groups. The best gifts are the ones which have the intention of purity behind those. That would show the state of joy or peace of the receivers which matters the most. This world being afflicted with sufferings needs more empathy than sympathy. A glass of drinking water to a thirsty man in a desert

is more precious than pearls or jewels to a wealthy man. O Henry's heart-warming story 'The Gift of Magi' has a wonderful relevance to the day of exchanging gifts on the auspicious 25 December, Christmas Day. The wife Dela sells her beautiful hair to buy a gold strap for her husband Jim's wrist watch. Jim sells his watch to buy a beautiful comb for Dela's luxuriant hair. Neither the husband nor the wife could use the gift received from each other. The sacrifice, the purity in their thoughts filled the readers' heart with genuine love and emotions. What makes the gift of each class apart is their genuine out pouring of love.

Pure love gives life to the gifts and multiplies the happiness of the of both the giver and the receiver. True charity is inspired by compassion and altruism. The Bhagwat Gita says that when an action comes from the heart with no thought of reward, both the recipient and the giver benefit. Charity begins at home and it is imperative for humans to extend their services to the society, to the community in which they live. When humans start living and working for others, lives too become richer, more rewarding and more meaningful. There is no greater joy that can fill humans' heart than giving. When happiness is shared

among the people, it is doubled up. Those who give never become poor, but who go on amassing wealth without bothering for the needy and the destitute experience the poverty at heart. The people believing charity and comforting the afflicted find more and more blessings raining down upon them and their hearts are filled with Godly love. In the play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' Norman McKinnell brings home to people the noble idea of love and sacrifice is the only panacea for all evils in the world. The bishop's words "my dear, there is so much suffering in the world, and I can do so little to relieve it. If people lie to me, they

are poorer, not I' proclaims the cardinal virtue of human life. The bishop stands out as a man- milk of human kindness. If mankind understands the essence of munificence of universal love and magnanimity of human spirit, all the petty feelings like selfishness, cruelty, jealousy and hatred can be driven out. A glorious life that radiates what Matthew Arnold calls 'sweetness and light' is preferable to a dull, insignificant and non-sparking life. The notion 'Man decays where wealth accumulates' finds an apt description in the play 'Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, the greatest English novelist of Victorian era. The pursuit of money doesn't make Ebenezer Scrooge happy. He feels eternal happiness and celestial bliss, understands the significance of charity when he gets transformed. The very essence of humans is charity and devoid of it makes a man worse than brutes. Man is the only sentient being and doesn't live by bread alone. If men had been content with food and gratification of material or physical desires, he would have perished long ago. The affluent lead a superficially satisfied life when there is no dearth of money and luxury, but they lack peace, happiness and contentment of soul. Russian novelist and story writer Leo Tolstoy in his story 'What Man Lives By' has substantiated the value of love in man's life and love as the essential supplement for living. Needless to say that a content mind is a continuous feast. For the contentment of soul man need to be loved, admired and recognized. The Atharva Veda says "The blossom of love will make the air fragrant; the rivers will murmur along the valleys and every, bird, beast and child will sing the song of love". Let's sing the carol of love and practice the act of charity in true spirit. What we are is God's gift to us and what we become is our gift to mankind and ultimately to God. In the words of Thomas Hardy, the greatest English novelist and poet "New love is the brightest, and long love is the greatest; but revived love is the tenderest thing upon the earth". Let love in the form of a charitable disposition spread among mankind and that will be the best benefaction on Christmas Day.

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Maharaja Surajmal's Life Is Inspiring And Exemplary For The Younger Generations: Haryana CM

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), December 24 - Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, has said that the government is consistently working for the welfare of the people by following the path shown by our great personalities. He emphasized that the state has taken several beneficial decisions inspired by the teachings and guidance of these personalities.

The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering at a statue unveiling ceremony organized by the Bhartiya Jat Vikas Manch, along with the villagers of Phoolkan, on the occasion of Maharaja Surajmal's Balidan Diwas in village Phoolkan, district Sirsa, on Tuesday. Earlier, the Chief Minister unveiled the statue of Maharaja Surajmal installed in the village and also planted a sapling. Thereafter, he paid floral tributes to the statue of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. The Chief Minister announced to give Rs 21 lakh to the Bhartiya Jat Vikas Manch and Rs 11 lakh to

the Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Shikshaarth and Charitable Trust.

Chief Minister Saini described the life of Maharaja Surajmal as both inspiring and exemplary for the younger generations. He stated that Maharaja Surajmal's name is held with immense pride and honour among the rulers who stood strong against the Mughals in North India. At the young age of 14, Maharaja Surajmal assumed control of the Bharatpur state and went on to expand it through numerous victorious battles.

The Chief Minister further emphasized that Maharaja Surajmal expanded the Bharatpur state significantly through his foresight, courage, and bravery. His kingdom stretched from the Ganga in the east, to Chambal in the south, Agra in the west, and Delhi in the north. Rather than relying on warfare, Maharaja Surajmal ensured peace and security for his people through diplomacy. His strategic brilliance was evident



when he turned the cannons of Abdali aimed at him through his efficient strategy.

C M Saini stated that his primary goal is to ensure the welfare and upliftment of farmers, labourers, people belonging to scheduled castes and backward classes, and the overall development of the state. He emphasized that it is the government's duty to protect the honour and self-respect of every citizen. The government has drawn inspiration from the great personality of Maharaja Surajmal ji, and in his footsteps, has implemented numerous public welfare policies. The Chief Minister

highlighted that Haryana is the only state in the entire country that purchases all 24 crops of farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), with payments for their crops being made within 72 hours.

The Chief Minister stated that payments for crop purchases are directly deposited into the farmers' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). So far, Rs 1 lakh 25 thousand crores have been credited to the accounts of 12 lakh farmers for their crop purchases. He also said that due to delayed rains during the Kharif season this year; farmers had to make additional irrigation and

other arrangements for sowing their crops. Acknowledging the struggles of the farmers, the government provided Rs 825 crore at the rate of Rs 2,000 per acre. Furthermore, the government has completely abolished the Abiana that has been in place since the British era and has also waived off previous dues amounting to Rs 133 crore.

Chief Minister Saini said that the state government has provided jobs to the youth of Haryana based on merit. With the formation of the government, 24,000 youth have joined government jobs, and to date, 1.71 lakh youth have been given government jobs.

He further said that in the coming time, two lakh more youth will be given jobs without the need for Parchi and Kharak (recommendation and bribes). The Chief Minister highlighted the exploitation of youth by contractors in previous governments and emphasized that his government has addressed this issue. Not only has the government established a corporation to protect youth from exploitation, but it has also ensured their future security through legislation. As a result, no one will be able to remove these youth from their positions until they reach

retirement age. The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is dedicated to empowering women. A target has been set to make 5 lakh women "Lakhpatti Didi" in the state. So far, 1.5 lakh women have achieved this status. Additionally, the government has set a goal of providing free drone pilot training to 5,000 women in the first phase under the 'Drone Didi Yojana'. As part of this initiative, drones worth up to Rs 8 lakh are being provided free of cost. To date, free drones have been given to 100 women.

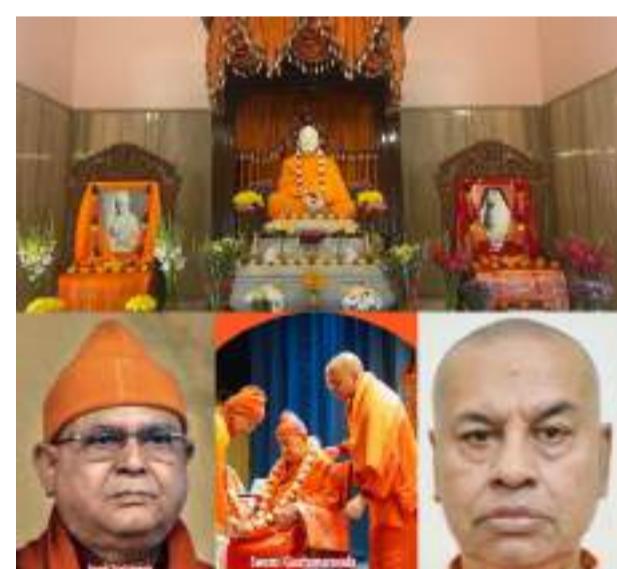
Haryana Education Minister, Mahipal Dhanda said that Maharaja Surajmal was a great warrior whose glorious history inspires us to move forward while overcoming life's challenges. He urged that we should follow in his footsteps and resolve to pass on his legacy to future generations. The Minister emphasized that reading the history of our ancestors and great

personalities fills us with pride. He also highlighted that the biography of Maharaja Surajmal provides an example of social harmony. He encouraged everyone not only to read about Maharaja Surajmal's history but also to incorporate his ideals into our behaviour and conduct.

Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Barala while paying tribute to Maharaja Surajmal said that Maharaja Surajmal was a great warrior who took along all communities and not one caste. Maharaja Surajmal fought many battles against the Mughals. Mughals trembled at his name. Maharaja Surajmal was the best among all warriors and all classes had a share in his army. Rajya Sabha MP said that his valour was such that persecution of Hindus and cow slaughter had stopped in that period. He said that the work of Gau Sewa has been going on since the Sanatan era and Maharaja Surajmal has carried this work forward and cherished the dream of Akhand Bharat.

Ramakrishna Mission spends Rs 1292.03 Crores on Human Welfare

Kolkata (KCN): The 115th Annual General Meeting of Ramakrishna Mission (RKM) & Ramakrishna Math held in Belur Math (West Bengal) on Sunday, December 15, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Swami Gautamanaanda, President of Ramakrishna Mission & Math. Swami Suvirananda, General Secretary of RKM in his Report for the FY 2023-24 informed that an expenditure of ?1292.03 crores was spent by Ramakrishna Mission towards its various service activities like Relief & Rehabilitation, General Welfare, Educational and Medical activities and Rural & Tribal Community Development which directly benefitted more than 150 lakh people through its 235 branches in Bharat. He also mentioned various projects undertaken for



the benefit of the economically backward sections of our society. For more than 127 years, the Ramakrishna Mission has been serving humanity without distinction of caste, creed, colour, faith and economic status through its 340+ branches and sub-centres all over the planet Earth with emphasis on the poor and underprivileged based on the principles enunciated by Swami Vivekananda which is

'Service to mankind is Service to God'. RKM's philanthropic activities are spread across many nations. Swami Sarvalokananda, Secretary of RKM Delhi providing leadership to RKM's multifarious activities in Delhi -NCR. Ramakrishna Mission received (i) Governor's Award for Excellence from the Governor of West Bengal in recognition of the Mission's contribution to the field of social service

and (ii) Arunachal Pradesh state Award in recognition of the meritorious services rendered by RKM in Arunachal Pradesh. Six new branch centres of the Ramakrishna Mission were started at Gurugram in Haryana, Kalyani in West Bengal, Kharupetia in Assam, Sakwar in Maharashtra, Thirumukkudal in Tamil Nadu, and Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh. Three new branch centres of Ramakrishna Math were started at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh, Dakshinewar in West Bengal and Venkatapura in Karnataka. Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math, through their 100 centres and sub centers situated in 24 countries outside India, provide spiritual, humanitarian services as well as play an important role in promotion of global understanding of Hinduism, Hindu philosophy, Bharatiya civilization and building bridges of goodwill.

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statue of Vajpayee was installed at Belview Chhak in Cuttack, while Kar's statue was placed on the premises of the Odisha Legislative Assembly in Bhubaneswar. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Sports Minister Suryabansi Suraj attended both ceremonies. Speaker of the Odisha Assembly, Surama Padhy, was also present for the unveiling of Kar's statue in Bhubaneswar.

Taking to X, Chief Minister Majhi shared, "It was a privilege to unveil the statue of our former Prime Minister, guide, and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Belview Chhak in Cuttack. This is a moment of great pride and honor for all of us. His contributions to the development of Odisha and the nation will be remembered for generations." The ceremony for Kar's statue was held in a simple yet meaningful manner at the Assembly premises. Majhi remarked, "I paid tribute to the great social reformer Bagmi Biswanath Kar by unveiling his statue here at the Assembly."

"Vegetable Knife For Bypass Surgery": Jagdeep Dhankhar On No-Trust Motion

New Delhi: "Never use a vegetable-cutting knife for bypass surgery" - Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar declared Tuesday, in his first comments since the opposition's motion of no-confidence in his stewardship of the Upper House was jacked for procedural irregularities. "Just look at the notice against the Vice President... (as Vice President, Mr Dhankhar is the de facto Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha) ... You'll be shocked. (Former Prime Minister) Chandra Shekhar once said, 'Never use a vegetable cutting-knife for bypass surgery,' he said. "That notice wasn't even

a vegetable-cutting knife... it was rusted. There was haste. When I read it, I was astonished," Mr Dhankhar said at a gathering of women journalists, "But what surprised me more was that none of you read it. If you had... you wouldn't have slept for days!"

He also stressed the need for the right to expression, calling it "the definition of democracy", and held forth on the subject, saying "If expression is qualified, compromised, or made subject to coercion, democratic values are flawed. It is antithetical to democratic evolution." "Before you use your vocal cords... allow your

ears to entertain the other point of view. Without these two elements, democracy can neither be nurtured nor blossom," Mr Dhankhar said.

The motion - filed in protest by the Congress after claiming Mr Dhankhar refused to allow its MPs to respond to attacks by those from the BJP - on the Sonia Gandhi-George Soros issue - was rejected on various grounds, including Mr Dhankhar's name being misspelt and the lack of a 14-day notice period.

Deputy Chairman Harivansh declared the motion had been tabled to

create a 'narrative' against Mr Dhankhar. The Commission denied any discrepancy, and asserted that considering the 5 pm turnout as final is merely a misconception. While the voting officially ends at 5 pm in most places, those already at the polling booth are allowed to cast their votes however long it takes.

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"No Discrepancy": Poll Commission Brushes Off Congress Allegation On Maharashtra Election

New Delhi (KCN): The Election Commission has brushed off Congress allegations in two key areas on which the party had sought a reply, insisting there is no discrepancy in the voter turnout figures or deletion from voter lists. On October 19, Maharashtra's Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi had met the Commission on multiple issues.

The Congress - an ally in the Opposition alliance -- had complained about the inexplicable increase in voter turnout between the numbers of 5 pm and the final figures from the commission.

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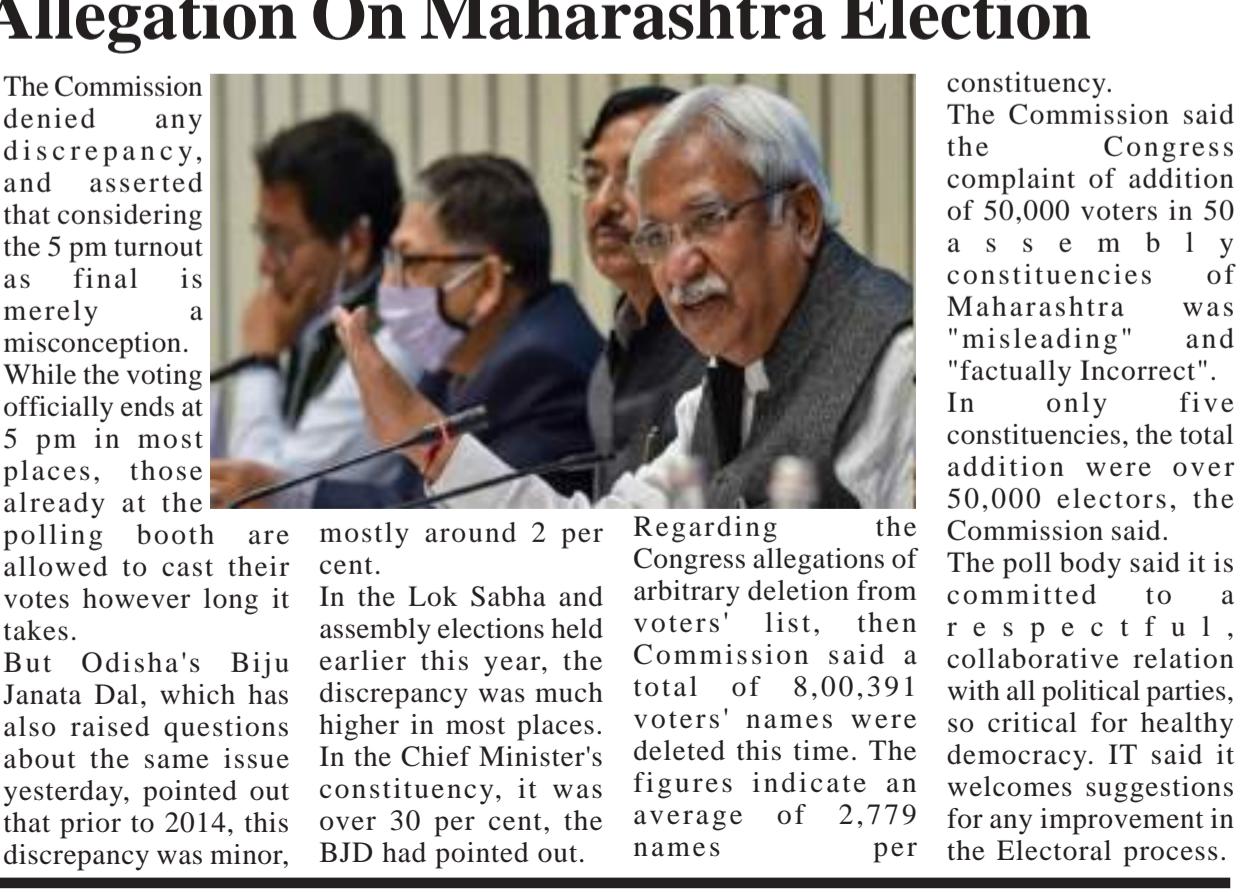
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'Ganjam Darshan' falters as buses gather dust at depot

Berhampur(KCN): To attract more tourists to Ganjam's scenic destinations, the district administration had introduced the 'Ganjam Darshan' bus service, assigning its operations to the Berhampur Development Authority (BeDA). However, the project failed to roll out as anticipated and the brand-new buses have been gathering dust at the City Bus Depot in Haladiapadar near Berhampur.

Initially launched with much fanfare, the service faced a significant setback due to high ticket prices, which led to a decline in passenger numbers and ultimately rendered the project unsuccessful. As a result,

the buses have been left unused for an extended period, exposed to weather conditions at the BeDA office premises. Moreover, the BeDA and the district administration took no measures to reuse the buses by reviving the service.

The 'Ganjam Darshan' bus service was inaugurated by former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik December 12, 2022, with an aim of showcasing key destinations across the district to the tourists. The itinerary included stops at scenic and cultural tourist sites, with provisions for refreshments and lunch along the way.

The bus service started operations a few days



after the inauguration and the first batch of tourists were from Sraddha Sanjeevani Ashram. Departing from Ramalingeswara

Park at 7am in the morning, the bus visited popular locations like the Tara Tarini temple shrine before taking a halt at the

Purushottampur Dak Bungalow for breakfast. Later, the bus took the tourists to Jaugarh, Nirmaljhar and stopped at Bateswar for lunch.

The bus then left for Potagarh, Tamara Lake and reached Gopalpur beach by evening where the tourists were served snacks before returning to

Ramalingeswara Park in Berhampur by 6.45pm. The bus used to cover 165 kilometres for a ticket price of ₹950.

However, with rising fares from time to time, tourists expressed dissatisfaction, prompting the administration to add additional sites such as Biranchi Narayan temple at Buguda, Buddhakhol, Marada, Sarana Srikhetra, Singhasini, Taptapani, Ujjaleswar, Ghodahada dam, Maa Bala Kumari temple, Pati Sunapar and the Mahuri Kalua temple to the itinerary. Unfortunately, this expansion failed to revive the popularity of the tourist bus service.

The vehicles, now parked at the BeDA office, show visible signs of deterioration, including damaged tyres and peeling paint.

In addition to the 'Ganjam Darshan' buses, four buses were also introduced for trips to the hilltop Tara Tarini temple. These buses are also out of service now, gathering dust at the depot — a clear indication of the district administration's planning failure.

When contacted, Ramesh Hansda, secretary of BeDA said there are plans to reintroduce the bus service by floating a tender. Moreover, efforts are on to make the project successful, he added.

The play "ABASARA" of Panchamabeda is staged in Devgarh



Bhubaneswar (KCN): On the second evening of the 20th All-India Multilingual Drama and Dance Festival 2024 organized by Jagran Art International, Devgarh last December 12, the popular Natyanustan PANCHAMABEDA's play "ABASARA" was staged at Town Hall, Devgarh to the acclaim

of the audience.

While the play is entirely family-oriented, the story shows how the elderly in the family are neglected and abused these days, and as a countermeasure, the message is sent to give due respect to senior citizens in the family and society.

Play writer Hara Barik

has composed the play and Haren Sahu has Directed it. Similarly, Vinay Das has music, Prakash Maharana as chief arranger and Sanyojaka, Jagan Majhi as lighting, stage Management by Prasanna Swain Surendra Gaud (Bulu Vai) and Abhimanyu Sethi. Muktikanth Mahapatra, Natbar Acharya, Raghunath Behera, Gyanendra Satpathy, Mahendra Satpathy, Deepak Mohapatra, Byasadev Chauhan, Abhimanyu Sethi, Tapas Das, Mamata Mohanty, Shweta Rath, Rajalakshmi Mishra and child actor Abhiman Sai Swarup acted in various roles.

HC orders release of 6 MV Debi crew members



Paradip(KCN): Six among the 21 Vietnamese crew members aboard cargo ship MV Debi who have been detained at the Paradip Port since November 30 last year, were released by the Sunday evening following an order of the Orissa High Court Saturday. As per the conditions laid down by the court, six other crew members who arrived here boarded the ship in exchange for the released crew Sunday evening. The released crew will stay for two more days in the country, before subsequently returning to Vietnam, sources in the Customs department said. The remaining 15 crew members will be

released in phases in exchange of same numbers of sailors, a security officer said while adding that the clearance process is taking time due to foreign policy, legal restrictions and the court order. The clearance for the release of the crew was granted as per rules framed by International Maritime Organisation (IMO) which states that a sailor can stay for a maximum of nine months in ship, and has to be unboarded after completion of the period. Any period beyond nine months will take a toll on their physical and mental health. As per the directives issued by the Orissa High Court, a fresh group of 21 Vietnamese crew

members will replace them on the vessel. Of the incoming crew, 11 members have already arrived in Paradip, while the remaining 10 are expected to join within a week. Medical examinations, Customs verifications, and immigration procedures for the new crew were completed by Saturday. MV Debi will, however, remain detained at the port. The vessel has been held at Paradip International Cargo Terminal (PICT), a private berth at Paradip Port, since November 30, 2023, after 22 packets of cocaine were discovered during loading of steel cargo.

Customs authorities then reported that the seized drug were

valued at Rs 220 crore at the time. Since then, the ship and its crew, all Vietnamese nationals, have been put under detention. Initially docked at the berth, the vessel accrued berth occupancy charges, prompting PICT to file a complaint against the ship's owners in the High Court. The court later ordered the sale of the ship. However, the issue has not been resolved so far.

Later, the Customs department instructed the ship to remain in the anchorage area of the sea. The ship stayed in the anchorage area and occasionally docked at the berth to load food, water, and oil.

On November 29, 2024, when the ship approached the berth, 21 sailors on board staged a protest. Since then, the ship has remained at the EQ berth. The primary reason for the protest was the sailors' demand to return home. The ship's owner is now making arrangements to send new crew members while facilitating the return of the current sailors to their homes.



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Reasons why an Hair & Care Oil in Serum is the perfect haircare essential this party season

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The party season is here, bringing endless celebrations and glamorous nights. While your outfit and makeup shine, your hair is the ultimate showstopper, making it essential to keep it healthy, radiant, and frizz-free. Frequent styling, pollution, and weather changes can leave your hair dull, but an oil-in-serum is the ultimate game-changer for party-perfect hair.

Infused with Vitamin E, an oil-in-serum leaves your hair smooth, shiny, and effortlessly party-ready. Its lightweight formula provides weightless nourishment without any greasy residue, making it perfect for both daily care and party styling. Versatile enough to use on wet or dry hair, it's the ultimate multitasker for flawless, manageable locks. Combining the nourishment of oil with

the lightweight styling of a serum, Hair & Care Oil in Serum is your go-to solution. Enriched with almond oil and Vitamin E, its ultra-light formula tames frizz, adds silky shine, and keeps hair smooth and manageable—all without weighing it down. Just apply 2-3 drops to damp hair for a silky, shiny look. This season, let your hair steal the spotlight with the magic of an oil-in-serum!

Shriram Finance Launches Inspiring Campaign #TogetherWeSoar with Legend Rahul Dravid

Mumbai (KCN): Shriram Finance Ltd., the flagship company of the Shriram Group and one of India's leading financial services providers, has launched an inspiring new brand campaign titled '#TogetherWeSoar'. This campaign reflects Shriram Finance's commitment to partner with aspiring India, highlighting the power of connection and unity. Today, many Indians are embracing the 'So, what?' philosophy, reflecting the aspiration to overcome any challenges in their journey to success. This campaign aims to celebrate this spirit and depict partnership as a means to soar ahead, with a slice from Rahul Dravid's own life.

The message is clear: "Together, we soar. By building strong relationships with our customers, we help them step into their power and achieve their dreams." Star Power Behind the Campaign Cricket legend Rahul Dravid features as the brand ambassador, embodying the values of teamwork and resilience that Shriram Finance also stands for. His presence reinforces the

brand's commitment to nurturing partnerships that inspire growth. Adding to the campaign's impact, renowned actor Naseeruddin Shah lends his voice to the Hindi version of the ad film, titled 'Har Indianke Saath: Judenge, Udenge.' Having acted and directed in films for more than 50 years, the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Awardee has received multiple accolades for his exceptional contributions to Indian cinema. His powerful voice to the message of Shriram Finance emphasizes the dedication to helping individuals achieve their dreams through meaningful partnerships. The campaign also features lyrics penned by Academy Award winner K.S. Chandrabose for the Telugu version and acclaimed lyricist Madhan Karky for the Tamil version, ensuring a heartfelt connection with audiences across multiple regions.

A Nationwide Initiative With a comprehensive 360-degree media approach, the '#TogetherWeSoar' campaign will reach audiences through print, digital, television, social

media, and outdoor platforms, as well as select theatres across India. Shriram Finance has partnered with the Pro Kabaddi League, and viewers will catch the ad during PKL. Over the next two months, the campaign will be showcased nationwide, targeting diverse urban and rural audiences to reinforce Shriram Finance's commitment to partnering with customers at every stage of their financial journey.

A Message of Partnership Elizabeth Venkataraman, Executive Director of Marketing at Shriram Finance, shared insights about the campaign: "'Together, We Soar' symbolizes our promise to stand by every Indian, supporting their aspirations—whether it's fixed deposits, financing vehicles, nurturing small businesses, or providing quick access to funds via Gold or personal loans, etc. Our creative approach, tailored in seven languages, allows us to connect deeply with diverse audiences across the nation."

Bengali Daily Newspaper Ei Samay Expands Its Horizon: North Bengal Edition Unveiled

Kolkata (PARTHA ROY): Ei Samay, announces the launch of its North Bengal Edition. This is the first major newspaper to debut in the region in 22 years, setting the stage for a new era in Bengali journalism.

The print edition is will provide extensive coverage across Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Alipurduar, Dinajpur, and Maldah. It will address regional issues while connecting them with state-wide concerns, Ei Samay aims

to bridge gaps and unify voices across Bengal, ensuring a shared narrative for the entire state. At the onset of this launch, Ei Samay Online introduced a dedicated North Bengal section, offering readers

real-time updates and insights. This digital expansion is amplified through robust social media engagement, ensuring the pulse of North Bengal resonates globally. With millions of active users and a growing international

audience, Ei Samay Online continues to redefine digital news consumption for Bengalis worldwide.

Ei Samay is not just growing but transforming the landscape of Bengali media.

India For Children bags prestigious 'The Golden Star Icon Award'



NEWDELHI (KCN): The country's only media and communication organization working on child rights gets recognition for its contribution to protection and empowerment of children. The country's only media and communication organization working on child rights, 'India For Children', has bagged the prestigious 'The Golden Star Icon Award-2024' (TGSI) for outstanding contribution to the protection and empowerment of children. 'India For Children' was selected by an eminent jury comprising Justice Dr Arijit Pasayat, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, Jury members Dr Jayadev Sarangi, former Secretary to the Government of India, and Prof Satya Bhusan Dash, chairperson Centre for Marketing in Emerging Economies IIM Lucknow.

The 9th edition award presented to 'India For Children' includes a

trophy and a certificate of excellence issued for maintaining consistently high standards of workmanship. Founded by Aviva Keeon, The Golden Star Icon Awards (TGSI Awards) has emerged as one of the world's premier platforms for recognizing iconic brands, services, and individuals by honouring the achievements and

positive impact of organizations and professionals worldwide, providing them with the public recognition they deserve. Expressing his appreciation for the award to India's only media and communication organization working on child rights, Director India For Children, Mr Anil Pandey said bagging a

prestigious award is an achievement and establishes the credibility of the organization of emerging as a beacon of hope in advocating the rights of every child in the country. "Our mission to highlight child rights issues in mainstream media has been successful as we have been able to create an ecosystem where child protection is now a

Annual General Meeting of Vitesco Technologies

Regensburg: Vitesco Technologies, a leading international developer and manufacturer of cutting-edge drive systems for sustainable mobility, held its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) today. The AGM was held virtually due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In separate votes, the shareholders formally approved the actions of all the Executive Board members during their term of office in the 2021 financial year. The actions of all members of the Supervisory Board in office in 2021 were also approved for their respective terms. "We are delighted to have received this vote of confidence from the Annual General Meeting.

We regard this outcome as a clear mandate to continue the successful collaboration and positioning of Vitesco Technologies as a supplier of sustainable drive solutions with a clear goal," said CEO Andreas Wolf.

All current members of the Supervisory Board representing the shareholders who were up for election were re-elected to office. The members of the Supervisory Board who represent the employees will be elected separately.

A complete list of all Supervisory Board members and the results of the voting at the AGM are available on the Vitesco Technologies website under 'Annual General Meeting'.

Bhubaneswar: Mr. Prasad Vaze has been appointed as the Senior Director – Lubricants Business at Raj Petro Specialties Pvt Ltd., a Brenntag Group company.

development & management.

Commenting on the appointment of a new member in the leadership team, Mr. Mehl Nanavati, Managing Director, Raj Petro Specialties Pvt Ltd. stated, "We are thrilled to have a seasoned industry leader join our team. With Prasad onboard, we are confident that he will accelerate the growth momentum. His unique domain expertise will further help strengthen Raj Petro's market position and expand footprint across markets."

Mr. Prasad Vaze is a result-oriented business leader with more than 25 years of extensive experience in customer-centric roles. Mr. Vaze has served in numerous senior leadership roles, including leading retail operations, profit centre management, developing business strategy and channel

taking on the important hat of managing Raj Petro's Lubricants Business, and we wish him all the best for his journey! With his knowledge and extensive experience, we are confident that Prasad will assist Raj Petro in reaching new heights."

On his appointment Mr. Prasad Vaze said, "I am very thrilled to take on this new role. My vision is to create a world class experience for our consumers and channel partners. Our aim is to leverage Kyros, Onwo and Zoomol brands, explore humongous potential that India and international markets offer and grow the Lubricant business profitability."

Ms. Archana Gharte - Head HR said, "We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Prasad Vaze, our newest member to the LT team. He will be

LV Prasad Eye Institute Organizes a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk

Bhubaneswar: L V Prasad Eye Institute's Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus in Bhubaneswar organized a Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk on 8th May 2022. This walk is part of the 'Whitathon' event organized by LV Prasad Eye Institute across its campuses in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and

Vijayawada. Celebrity actor, Mr Sabyasachi Mishra, will be flagging off the walk.

Whitathon is L V Prasad Eye Institute's annual cause-related event focusing on raising awareness and funds for early diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma – a Life and Vision-threatening Eye Cancer in Children. One of the most common

symptoms of Retinoblastoma is White Reflex (white glow) in a child's eye. Through this walk, LVPEI aims to raise awareness among the public that if they spot a 'White Reflex' in a child's eye, it could be a sign of eye cancer that needs immediate medical intervention. Hence, the event is named 'Whitathon'.

Dr Devyoti Tripathy,

Ocular Oncologist, Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar, L V Prasad Eye Institute said, "Our aim is to raise awareness about early detection and treatment of retinoblastoma eye cancer in children. No child should die of eye cancer because of lack of awareness and treatment. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Sabyasachi Mishra for joining us for

the Retinoblastoma Awareness Walk and spreading awareness about Retinoblastoma. We also acknowledge the support received from Aroh – Giving Hope, an NGO working for children with Cancer and their families."

Dr Tripathy further added that it is time to make detailed eye check-ups a part of mandatory paediatric examinations.

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